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1. Mr. Boyd Crawford, Chief Clerk of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, informs me that he is accompanying Cong. Vorys and Cong. Richards on a trip abroad covering the following countries: Japan, Korea, Formosa, Philippines, Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Burma, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, and Spain. They are leaving on 5 November and plan to be back on 12 December. They hope to be accompanied by Ben Brown, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, a Far Eastern expert, an escort officer from the Department of Defense, and a representative of FOA. Congressman Richards, who will again become chairman of the Committee if the House goes Democratic, is arriving the day before they leave and Cong. Vorys will be picked up in Ohio on the way West. Therefore, there will be no opportunity for direct briefing by CIA. However, they have instructed Mr. Crawford to prepare whatever material is necessary which would be helpful to them or brief himself appropriately. Mr. Crawford is not seeking any operational information, but desires background material on various countries which they will visit.

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